

To The Pen and Pencil Club.

I bin readin' in mah papah
 'Bout a club in Washin'ton
 Wheah de membahs all wears diamonds
 An' burns money jes' fer fun.
 Day makes de biggest speeches
 An' dey eats de finest grub—
 Oh! I wants ter go to Washin'ton
 To jine dat club.

Las' week dey give a dinnah
 An' dey tells me hit was fine
 Poun' cake and chicken salad
 An' er whitish kind o' wi-e,
 Dar was possum on de table
 Lemonade too in er tub
 Oh! I bleeed ter go ter Washin'ton
 An' jine dat club.

I gwine study dictionaries
 All day long an' haf de night,
 I gwine buy a bran new pencil
 An' practice how t. r write
 So dat when I gits ermongst 'em
 Ef there ever comes er rub
 I'll be qualified ter meet 'em
 When I jines dat club.

—T. H. Malone, in Atlanta Age.

W. C. T. U. WORKERS

Encouraging Reports at Monthly Meeting Union Named in Mrs. Lawson's Honor

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. Department Work Among Colored People was held at the Nineteenth Street Baptist church Tuesday, March 18th. After devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Moreland, Rev. Walter H. Brooks, pastor of the church,



MRS. ROSETTA E. LAWSON.

gave a most cordial welcome to the workers. This was responded to in a most interesting and pleasing manner by Mrs. M. A. Chiles, secretary of the department.

Five unions were represented and encouraging reports rendered by their presidents as follows: Mrs. M. I. Hill, Mrs. H. C. Bruce, Mrs. F. W. Taylor, Mrs. J. Anderson Taylor and Mrs. R. E. Lawson. Addresses were made by Mrs. H. C. Tyson of St. Mary's P. E. Mothers' Club, on the "Need for Parental Conference in the Training of the Young;" Mrs. J. E. Moreland, "The Necessity of Early Enlistment of Our Young People in the Y Work;" Mrs. R. D. Sprague, "A Survey of the Field." The Harvest Committees on Courtesies were headed by the following: Mrs. Maria Adams, Mrs. A. P. Albert.

Among resolutions adopted was one endorsing the work of the Afro-American Council in the efforts now being put forth to influence favorable Congressional action on bill (H. R. 10793) introduced by Representative Morrell, of Pennsylvania, forbidding railroad officials from separating passengers on account of race or color. The Nineteenth Street Baptist Union, of which Mrs. Lawson is president, presented resolutions of appreciation for the honor conferred upon her by the W. C. T. U. women of Buffalo in naming a union the Rosetta E. Lawson W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Lucy Thurman, National Super-

intendent W. C. T. U. Work Among Colored People, was present and made a rousing address with reference to the objects and aims of the organization.

A sumptuous luncheon was enjoyed by all; a hearty Godspeed wished Mrs. Thurman, as she leaves to take up work among our sisters in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Yates in Philadelphia.

Mrs. J. Silene Yates, president of the National Association of Colored Women lectured to a large and appreciative audience of Philadelphia's best citizens, February 12th. While in Philadelphia she was also the guest of the Contemporary Club, an exclusive white organization composed of authors and artists at its annual banquet and the recipient of many other social favors.

Mrs. Clarke's Fine Opening.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the school and operating rooms of the Livingston School of Dress Making, 1439 W street northwest, were filled with a stream of representative ladies



MRS. L. R. CLARKE.

who called to witness the spring display of work done under the supervision and instruction of the painstaking principal, Mrs. L. R. Clarke. Mrs. Clarke is enthusiastic in her desire to impress upon all the fine points in dress making, and her impromptu lectures upon cutting, fitting, study of the human form, blending colors, matching stripes and designing new effects, are highly interesting to both sexes. Her French drafting machine is a wonder, and the specimens of applique work done by pupils shows that Mrs. Clarke's labor is not in vain. She is a woman of rare enterprise and deserves the favor she has won in this city.

WILLIAM CHANDLER ROBINSON.

Last night at the residence of Magnus L. Robinson, 596 S. Washington street, Alexandria, Va., the president of the William McKinley Normal and Industrial school, of above named city, was the scene of an interesting gathering of relatives of the family and a select number of representatives of his race. The occasion was the christening of a bouncing big baby boy, the only grandson of President Robinson, who was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Robinson, Jr., 12 hours after President Theodore Roosevelt was sworn in as President. The wishes of the grand parent, who is an ardent admirer of former U. S. Senator William E. Chandler, "who is one of the best friends the colored race has ever had, and still remains their staunch friend," as Mr. Robinson sums up Mr. Chandler's attitude toward his

people, were carried out by baptizing the little fellow William Chandler Robinson. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Benjamin T. Perkins, of Sandy Spring, Md., according to the beautiful rites of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Perkins was assisted on this happy occasion by Rev. Robert H. Robinson, of the M. E. Church, the child's great grandfather, who in turn will celebrate his seventy-seventh birthday tomorrow. It was, indeed, a picturesque scene to those present to see three generations of a family hale and hearty at the baptizing of a promising little fellow who will bear the name of a true and tried friend of the colored race. After the ceremony the parties sat down to refreshments, to which, without saying justice was done.

A Charity Reception.

The charity reception announced by the Banneker Relief Association for April 4 at Convention Hall, promises to be one of the "swell" social events of the spring season. The proceeds go for the benefit of the Day Nursery, Sojourner Truth Home and the Home for Friendless Girls. Dr. W. S. Lofton is at the head of a "hustling" committee on arrangements. The officers of Banneker Relief Association are: Aaron Russell, President; W. S. Lofton, vice president; James A. Payne, financial secretary; J. McK. Syphax, recording secretary; R. H. Nugent, treasurer; Warner Hurley, chaplain; Arthur Lucas, sergeant-at-arms. Board of Directors: John H. Butcher, Hamblet Turley, W. C. Evans, Thomas A. Griffith.

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